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Toxic Substances  
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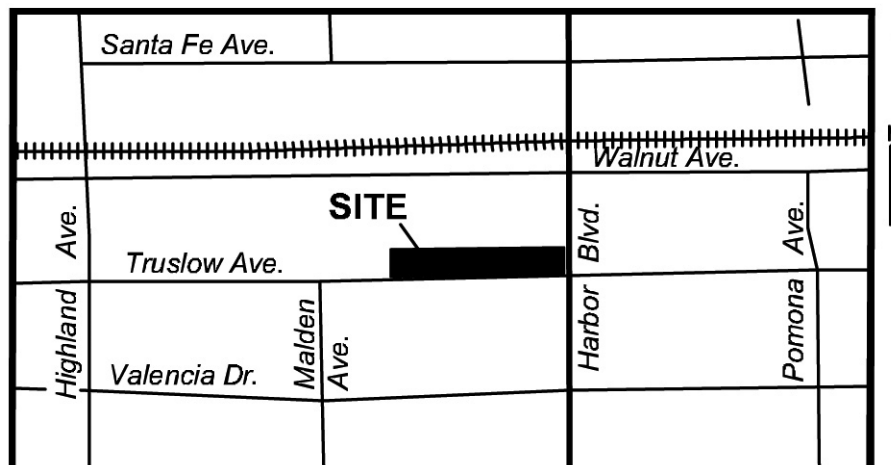
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## Union Pacific Park, Environmental Investigation Update, Fullerton

Our Agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is updating you on the ongoing environmental investigation underway at the Union Pacific Park site, located at 141 West Truslow Avenue, in Fullerton. The 1.7 acre site is used as a city park known as Union Pacific Park, and is situated in an industrial/commercial and residential area. There is no immediate risk to the public because Union Pacific Park is fenced and closed, and public access is restricted while DTSC evaluates the nature and extent of environmental contamination present at the site and develops a proposed cleanup plan.

DTSC is the lead agency overseeing the investigation at the site. Our mission is to protect public health and the environment. To ensure the safety of the site for future use, DTSC recommends that a cleanup plan be prepared and cleanup actions be implemented to address contaminated soil present at the site. DTSC will oversee the upcoming remedial action and ensure that work is performed in a manner that does not harm people or the environment. Inside this fact sheet you will find information on:

- Why Future Cleanup is Necessary
- Site Background
- Site Investigation(s) Conducted at Union Pacific Park
- What Was Found
- Next Steps
- Who to Contact for More Information



## **Why Future Cleanup Is Necessary**

DTSC has determined that there are chemicals present from past operations at the site and that they are above DTSC's protective standards. Thus, DTSC requires that an overall cleanup plan be developed and implemented to ensure long-term public health and safety.

## **Site Background**

In 1923, the property was purchased by a subsidiary and predecessor of Union Pacific Railroad Company. During 1923 to 1998, the property was developed with railroad tracks, a passenger depot, a freight house, a fruit packing facility, and a roofing company. Truck maintenance and truck cleaning were also conducted at the property. In 1991, an on-site warehouse used for the storage of paper was destroyed by fire. In 1998, ownership was transferred to the Fullerton Redevelopment Agency. The property was subsequently graded and developed as a park.

In November 2009, DTSC successfully completed environmental cleanup actions on an adjacent site known as the former Fullerton Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site, located at 144 West Walnut Avenue. Union Pacific Park is just south of the former MGP site.

## **Site Investigations Conducted at Union Pacific Park**

As part of the cleanup process for the Union Pacific Park site, a Remedial Investigation (RI) was completed to identify possible contaminants associated with the site. Soil and soil gas sampling were conducted to determine the full nature and extent of contamination present. Next, a Feasibility Study (FS) was completed that evaluates potential remedial action alternatives. Both the RI and FS have been approved by DTSC.

## **What Was Found**

Sampling results at the Union Pacific Park site revealed the presence of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) and lead in soil at levels that require cleanup to protect future site users and the public to unrestricted use.

## **Next Steps**

DTSC anticipates a cleanup plan called a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) to address

contaminated soil at the site. It will be available for public review and comment sometime in early to mid 2011. You will be notified in another mailing which will detail how you can participate in the upcoming cleanup process.

## **Who To Contact at DTSC for Information**

For more information about the Union Pacific Park site, please contact:

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## **Where To Find Project Documents**

Associated project documents can be viewed at the following Information Repositories:

Fullerton Public Library  
353 West Commonwealth Avenue  
Fullerton, CA 92832-1710  
(714) 738-6333  
Mon – Thurs: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Friday: Closed  
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## **Notice to Hearing Impaired**

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